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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks. This response is being filed concurrently with a petition for a 1-month extension of time.

In response to the Outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, drawn to claims 52-56 for prosecution. The Applicant also elects species consisting of a single stranded DNA having 40 wobbles (REP 2006) at every position (40 nucleotides random oligonucleotide each linked by a phosphorothioate linkage).